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And some Additional
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Divided into XII SECTIONS, for the
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without trouble be finished at a time ; and the Whole in the Grace of God, in a circle of Three Months : And by such an instructive variety of Matter, there will be no Fear (I presume) of tiring the Congregation. If it be thought, that some of the Sections are made of an inconvenient length by multiplying the Proofs, and lay too heavy a burden upon the young Learners : The Affair may be thus ordered at the discretion of the Catechist : I have upon no Head exceeded the number of Four Proofs ; and when there is such choice, upon the first going over the Catechism, the first Proof may be given ; and at the second time the second, and so on, where the Number will bear it : By which means they may all be dispatched in a Year, and the Children may have nothing impos'd upon them above their Capacities. And both they, and the whole Congregation may be much edified by the customary use of so many necessary Lessons from the Holy Scripture : And when any one of the Proofs to a Branch is publickly repeated, they who look upon the Catechism, may have the rest in their Eye, and be able to Treasure them up for their own Benefit.

This indeed was my principal aim, to furnish my young Parishioners with a stock of Divine Instructions : and to teach them by this Essay the way of using the Scriptures ; And though for good Reason, I have chosen my Proofs wholly out of the New Testament, which is the proper ground of all Christian Doctrine, after this pattern they may improve all parts of the Bible to Knowledge, and Piety and Virtue. The Proofs which I have selected from the great plenty before me, are set down in a Catechetical Form, and in words at length ; because the bare pointing to them by marginal References hath not the due effect upon the generality of People ; for want of their diligence to consult them ; Whereas such Passages inculcated to them in the Publick Assemblies, and laid up in their Memories ; may prove very instrumental (by the

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ole in the Grace of God) to guide their Steps, and to preserve
them against Error and Sin, The same advantage may
be expected from the like Method in Private Families :
And I would earnestly beseech Parents and Masters, not
to be wanting in this Charitable Office to those under their
care ; but to initiate them seasonably in the Principles
of Religion, and to prepare them regularly for Confirmation
according to the excellent Order of the Church,
and the Example of the Primitive Times : That by such
early engagements they may be fitted for higher degrees of
Proficiency ; and may walk uprightly in the midst of a
crooked Generation, neither declining to the right hand
nor to the left. Domestick Institution is to lead the way
Archb. to the Church ; and 'tis a true Observation, made
Usher by one very eminent in Learning, and Piety ; Let
us preach never so many Sermons unto the People,
our labour is but lost, as long as the Foundation
is unlaid, and the first Principles untaught, upon which
all other Doctrine must be builded ; and therefore no
Christian that hath under him any tender, uninstructed
Souls, can be Ignorant of his Duty in training them up
Religiously ; a Duty visible even by the Light of Nature,
and commanded by God to his Ancient People ; and re-
commended by Apostolical Exhortation ; and acknow-
ledged in all Ages to be of Universal Necessity. Let us
then be active, and faithful in discharging this Obliga-
tion ; as knowing that we must give an account to God
for the little ones entrusted with us ; but when we have done
what lies in our Power, we must depend upon the
Divine Blessing for the Success of our
Endeavour ; for Neither is he that ^{1 Cor. 3: 7} planteth any thing, neither he that
watereth ; but God that giveth the Increase.

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**A Prayer to be said by Children, when
they are learning the Catechism.**

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy **S**criptures **P R C**
to be written for our **L**earning; Grant that I **for**
may in such wise bear them, read, mark, learn,
and inwardly digest them, and all **I**nstructions
agreeable to them; that by **P**atience and **C**omfort
of thy **h**oly **W**ord, I may embrace, and ever hold
fast the **B**lessed hope of **E**verlasting **L**ife; which
thou hast given us in our **SJ**esus **C**hrist.
Amen.

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CATECHISM,
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ANSWERS.

S E C T. I.

Of the Benefits of BAPTISM,

Quest. **W**HAT is your Name?

Ans. **M**., or **M**.,

Quest. Why dost thou tell me the Name received in
thy Baptism, rather than that of thy Family?

Ans. Because the Name received at my Baptism, puts
me in mind of the Duties and Privileges of the Christian
Religion.

Quest. Who gave you this Name?

Ans. My Godfathers and Godmothers in my
Baptism, wherein I was made a Member of
Christ, the Child of God, and an Inheritour of
the Kingdom of Heaven.

Quest. Why did your Godfathers and Godmothers give
you your Christian Name?

Ans. Because they presented me to my Baptism
by which I was made a Christian; and did answer
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and engage for me ; and gave security to the Church for my Christian Education : And therefore I regard them as my Spiritual Parents.

Quest. How wast thou made in Baptism a Member of Christ ?

Ans^w. In being then made a Member of his Spiritual Body, the Church ; and thereby united to him as our Head, and deriving from him all my Strength and Power to live as a Christian.

Quest. How is this proved from Scripture ?

Ans^w. From Rom. 12. 5. *We being many, are one Body in Christ.*

I Cor. 12. 12. 13. *As the Body is one, and hath many Members, so also is Christ : For by one Spirit are we all Baptized into one Body.*

Eph. 1. 22, 23. *He gave him to be head over all things to the Church, which is his Body.*

Quest. How wast thou made in Baptism the Child of God ?

Ans^w. In being then by the Grace and Favour of God ; adopted for one of his Children, through Christ, and our Regeneration in him.

Quest. How is this proved from Scripture ?

Ans^w. John. 1. 12. *As many as received him, to them gave he Power to become the Sons of God, even to them that believe on his Name.*

Rom. 8. 15. *Ye have received the Spirit of Adoption whereby we cry, Abba, Father.*

Gal. 3. 26, 27, *Ye are all the Children of God by Faith in Christ Jesus : For as many of you as have been Baptized into Christ, have put on Christ.*

Quest. How wast thou made in Baptism an Inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven ?

Ans^w. In having the promise of this Eternal Inheritance ; so that I may surely attain to it, by leading a Christian Life.

Quest. How is this proved from Scripture ?

Ans^w. From Luke. 12. 32. *Fear not, little Flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom.*

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Rom. 8. 16, 17. We are the Children of God; and Children, then Heirs; Heirs of God, and Joint-Heirs with Christ.

Tit. 3. 5, 7. According to his Mercy he saved us, by the Washing of Regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost: That being justified by his Grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of Eternal Life.

1 John. 2. 25. This is the promise that he hath promised us, even Eternal Life.

S E C T. II.

Of the Vow of Baptism.

Quest. **Y**OU have told me what you were made in Baptism; but cannot you forfeit these great Advantages?

Answ. I cannot fail of them, If I keep the Promises made for me when I was Baptized.

Quest. What did your Godfathers and Godmothers then for you?

Ans. They did promise and vow three things in my Name: First, that I should renounce the Devil and all his Works; the pomps and vanity of this Wicked World; and all the sinful Lusts of the Flesh, Secondly, that I should believe all the Articles of the Christian Faith. And Thirdly, that I should keep God's Holy Will and Commandments, and walk in the same all the Days of my Life.

Quest. Dost thou not think that thou art bound to believe, and to do as they have promised for thee?

Ans. Yes verily, and by God's help so I will. And I heartily thank our Heavenly Father, that he hath called me to this State of Salvation, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. And I pray unto God to give me his Grace, that I may continue in the same unto my Life's end.

Quest.

Quest. Thou doſt well in praying to God for his from Pri-
Grace, and in owning the necessity of his help: But godly
what Proof haſt thou from Scripture, for the doing so?

Ans. From John. 15. 5. *Without me ye can do nothing.*

2 Cor. 12. 9. *He said unto me, My Grace is sufficient for thee; for my strength is made perfect in weakness.*

Phil. 2. 13. *It is God which worketh in you, both to will and to do, of his good pleasure.*

Phil. 4. 13. *I can do all things, through Christ, which strengtheneth me.*

Quest. Where diſt thou learn to pray to God for his Grace?

Ans. From Luke 11. 13. *If ye being Evil, know how to give good gifts unto your Children; how much more shall your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?*

Heb. 4. 16. *Let us come boldly unto the Throne of Grace; that we may obtain Mercy, and find Grace to help in time of need.*

Quest. What doſt thou bind thy ſelf to, in renoucing the Devil and all his Works?

Ans. I bind my ſelf to the abhorrences of Satan and all Temptations; and to the avoiding of all wickedneſſ, either prompted by him, or done in imitation of him.

Quest. What Proof haſt thou of this Obligation?

Ans. From 2 John 3. 8. *He that committeth Sin is of the Devil; for the Devil ſinneth from the beginning; for this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the Works of the Devil.*

1 John 5. 18. *We know that whosoever is Born of God ſinneth not: But he that is begotten of God, keepeth himſelf; and that wicked one toucheth him not.*

Eph. 4. 27. *Neither give place to the Devil.*

Quest. What doſt thou bind thy ſelf to, in renoucing the pomps and vanity of this wicked World?

Ans. I bind my ſelf not to ſeek greedily, or by unlaw-
ful means after Honour, and Glory, and Riches: nor to
use any of God's Creatures to excess; but to refrain
from

or from Pride, and Ambition, and Covetousness; and from
Brungodly and vain Customs, and all the outward allure-
ments to Sin.

Quest. What Proof hast thou of this Obligation?

Ans. From 1 John 2. 15. *Love not the World, neither
the things that are in the World. If any Man love the
World, the love of the Father is not in him.*

Rom. 12. 2. *Be not conformed in this World.*

Jam. 4. 4. *Know ye not, that the Friendship of the
World is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a
friend of the World, is the Enemy of God.*

Quest. What dost thou bind thy self to, in renouncing
the sinful Lusts of the Flesh?

Ans. I bind my self to abstain from those sensual Plea-
sures which God hath forbidden: And to resist all impure
desires; and to tame and regulate my disorderly Inclina-
tions, and corrupt Nature, inwardly delighting in what
is Evil.

Quest. What Proof hast thou of this Obligation?

Ans. From Gal. 5. 24. *They that are Christ's have
Crucified the Flesh, with the Affections and Lusts.*

Rom. 8. 13. *If ye live after the Flesh, ye shall die; but
if ye through the Spirit do mortifie the Deeds of the Body
ye shall live.*

1 Pet. 2. 11. *I beseech you as Strangers and Pilgrims
abstain from fleshly Lusts which War against the Soul.*

Quest. What Proof hast thou of being bound to believe
all the Articles of the Christian Faith?

Ans. From John 3. 36. *He that believeth on the Son
hath everlasting Life: And he that believeth not the Son
shall not see Life; but the Wrath of God abideth on him.*

John. 17. 3. *This is Life Eternal, that they might know
thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast
sent.*

Mar. 16. 16. *He that believeth and is Baptized, shall
be saved: but he that believeth not shall be Damned.*

1 John. 3. 23. *This is his Commandment, that we
should believe on the Name of his Son Jesus Christ.*

Quest.

Quest. What Proof hast thou of being bound to keep all the Commandments of God ?

Ans^w. From John. 14. 15. *If ye love me, keep my Commandments.*

Matt. 28. 20. *Teaching them to observe all things, whatsoever I have commanded you.*

1 John 2. 3, 4. *Hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his Commandments. He that saith I know him, and keepeth not his Commandments, is a liar, and the Truth is not in him.*

Eph. 2. 10. *We are his Workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained, that we should walk in them.*

Quest. What Proof hast thou of being by Baptism called to a State of Salvation ?

Ans^w. Titus 3. 5. *According to his Mercy he saved us by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost.*

S E C T. III.

Of the Creed ; and more particularly of God the Father.

Catecb. Rehearse the Articles of thy Belief.

Ans. **I** Believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth : 2. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord : 3. Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary : 4. Suffered under Pontius Pilate ; was Crucified, Dead and Buried ; he descended into Hell : 5. The Third Day he rose again from the Dead : 6. He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty : 7. From thence he shall come to Judge the Quick and the Dead : 8. I believe in the Holy Ghost : 9. The Holy Catholick Church, the Communion of Saints : 10. The Forgiveness of Sins : 11. The Resurrection of the Body : 12. And the Life Everlasting, Amen.

Quest.

kee. **Quest.** Thou hast well repeated this Apostolical Summary of the Principles of the Christian Religion : But why dost thou say *Amen*, after the rehearsing of it ?

Answe. To testifie my stedfast belief of it, and may desire to live as one that heartily believeth it.

Quest. What dost thou chiefly learn in these Articles of thy Belief ?

Answe. First I learn to believe in God the Father, who hath made me and all the World.

Secondly, In God the Son, who hath redeemed me, and all Mankind.

Thirdly, In God the Holy Ghost, who sanctifieth me, and all the Elect People of God.

Quest. What is it to believe in God ?

Answe. To believe that God is, and that he is faithfull and true in all his words : And to trust in him, and depend upon him.

Quest. Let us go over the Articles of the Creed more distinctly : What believest thou concerning the first Article, *I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth ?*

Answe. I believe there is one living and true God ; an Infinite, Eternal and Incomprehensible Spirit ; having all Perfections in, and of himself ; and that God was from all Eternity the Father of our Lord Christ ; and that he hath unlimited Power, and Right to do whatsoever he pleaseth ; and that he did exert this Power, in making out of nothing, by his Word alone, the Heavens and the Earth, and all things therein ; which he still preserves and disposeth of most wisely, according to his own will.

Quest. What Proof hast thou of God's being an Eternal Spirit ?

Answe. From John 4, 24. *God is a Spirit.*

1 Tim. 1. 17. *Unto the King, Eternal, Immortal, Invisible, the only wise God, be Honour and Glory, for ever and ever.*

1 Tim. 6. 16. *Who only bath Immortality, dwelling in the light which no Man can approach unto ; whom no Man hath seen, or can see ; to whom be Honour and Power everlasting.*

Quest.

Quest. What Proof hast thou that there is but one God

Ans. From 1 Cor. 8. 4. *There is none other God but One*
Eph. 4. 6. One God, and Father of all, who is above all
and through all, and in you all.

1 Tim. 2. 5. *There is one God, and one Mediator between God and Man, the Man Christ Jesus.*

Quest. What Proof hast thou of Three Persons in the Unity of this Godhead?

Ans. From 1 John 5. 7. *There are Three, that bear record in Heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost; And these Three are One.*

Mat. 28. 19. *Teach all Nations, Baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.*

2 Cor. 13. 14. *The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all.*

Quest. What Proof hast thou of God's being Almighty?

Ans. From Mat. 19. 26. *With God all things are possible.*

Mar. 14. 36. *Abba, Father, All things are possible unto thee.*

Rom. 4. 21. *Being fully Persuaded, that what he has promised he was able to perform.*

Quest. What Proof hast thou of God's creating the World?

Ans. Besides the History of the Creation, from Acts 5. 24. *Lord, thou art God, which hast made Heaven and Earth, and the Sea, and all that in them is.*

1 Cor. 8. 6. *To us there is but one God the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him, and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.*

Heb. 11. 3. *Through Faith we understand that the Worlds were framed by the Word of God; so that things which are seen are not made of things which do appear.*

Rev. 4. 11. *O Lord, thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are, and were created.*

S E C T. IV.

week Of Christ in his Divine Nature and Incarnation.

re- Quest. **W**HAT believest thou concerning the second Article of the Creed, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord ?

Ans^w. I believe in Jesus, as the Saviour of Mankind, and that he is truly the Christ, who was promis'd to come for our Redemption: And that he is the only Son of God by Nature, begotten from Everlasting of the Father. And that he is our Lord and Master, and God.

Quest. What is implied by owning Jesus to be Christ, or the Messias ?

Ans^w. That he was the promised Redeemer of his People; and was anointed with the Spirit of God, to be their King, and Priest, and Prophet.

Quest. How is Christ our King, and Priest and Prophet ?

Ans^w. He is our King, in governing, and protecting his Church: He is our Priest, in offering one Sacrifice, and always interceding for us; and he is our Prophet, in teaching us most perfectly the Will of God.

Quest. What Proof hast thou of being bound to believe in Christ ?

Ans^w. From Joh. 3. 18. *He that believeth on him, is not Condemned; but he that believeth not, is Condemned already; because he hath not believed in the Name of the only begotten Son of God.*

John 14. 1. *Ye believe in God; believe also in me.*

Act. 16. 31. *Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.*

Quest. How dost thou prove that Christ is the Saviour of Mankind ?

Ans^w. From Mat. 1. 21. *Thou shalt call his Name Jesus; For he shall save the People from their Sins.*

1 Tim. 1. 15. This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation; That Christ Jesus came into the World to have sinners. Answ and the

Heb. 5. 9. He became the Author of Eternal Salvation Rom and the
unto all them that obey him. for ever

1 John. 4. 14. We have seen and do testify, that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the World. Phil. not robb

Quest. How dost thou prove, that Salvation can be obtain'd by no other way, but by Christ alone. Col. head bo

Answ. From John 14. 6. I am the way, and the Truth, and the Life: No Man cometh unto the Father, but by me. Que. ticle o

John 15. 6. If a Man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a Branch, and is withered; and Men gather them, and cast them into the Fire, and they are Burned. Anj. any S. overD

Acts 4. 12. Neither is there Salvation in any other: for there is none other Name under Heaven given among Men, whereby we must be saved. And her, E. Qu. tation A

1 John 5. 12. He that bath the Son bath Life; and he that bath not the Son, bath not Life. Mar. the L

Quest. How dost thou prove, that Jesus is the Christ? the alſo call

Answ. From Mat. 16. 16. Thou art Christ, the Son of the living God. ta

John. 6. 69. We believe, and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God. the

Acts. 2. 36. Let all the House of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have Crucified, both Lord and Christ. call

1 John. 5. 1. Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ, is born of God. ta

Quest. How dost thou prove, that Christ is the only Son of God? the

Answ. From John 1. 18. No Man hath seen God at any time: The only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him. the

1 John 4. 9. In this was manifested the Love of God towards us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the World that we might live through him. the

Quest. How dost thou prove our Saviour to be God? Answ

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Answ. From Job. 1. 1. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Rom. 9. 5. Christ came, who is over all, God Blessed for ever.

Phil. 2. 6. Who being in the Form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God.

Col. 2. 9. In him dwelleth all the fulness of the God-head bodily.

Quest. What believest thou concerning the third Article of the Creed, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary?

Answ. I believe that Christ was conceived without any Sin, by the Miraculous Power of the Holy Ghost overshadowing a pure Virgin, whose Name was Mary: And that he perfectly took our Nature, and was born of her, appearing hereby to be the Son of David.

Quest. What Proof hast thou, of our Lord's Conception by the Holy Ghost.

Answ. From Mat. 1. 20. Fear not to take unto thee Mary thy Wife, for that which is conceiv'd in her is of the Holy Ghost.

Luk. 1. 35. The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the Power of the Highest shall overshadow thee; therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee, shall be called the Son of God.

Quest. What Proof hast thou, that our Lord did really take the Nature of Man?

Answ. From John 1. 14. The Word was made Flesh and dwelt among us.

Gal. 4. 4. God sent forth his Son made of a Woman.

Heb. 2. 16. Verily he took not upon him the Nature of Angels; but he took on him the Seed of Abraham.

1 Tim. 3, 16, God was manifest in the Flesh.

Quest. How dost thou prove, that Christ descended from David?

Answ. From his Genealogy in the Gospel, and from Mat. 21, 9. Hosanna to the Son of David.

Luke 1. 32, The Lord God shall give unto him the Throne of his Father David.

Ques. 13. 23. Of this Man's Seed hath God, according to the Promise, raised unto Israel a Saviour Jesus.

Answe. Rom. 1. 3. Jesus Christ our Lord, who was made the Seed of David, according to the Flesh.

Ques. How dost thou prove, that Christ was Born of our a Virgin?

Answe. From Mat. 1. 22, 23: Now all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the Prophet, saying; Behold a Virgin shall be with Child and shall bring forth a Son.

S E C T. V.

Of Christ in his Sufferings, and Exaltations.

Ques. **W**HAT believest * thou concerning the Fourth Article of the Creed, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was Crucified, Dead, and * This Branch Buried, * He descended into Hell? may as rea- bly be joyned with the following Article: But the full Meaning of it the Church hath left undetermined.

Answe. I believe that the Son of God having taken our Flesh, did therein, for our Benefit, undergo the accursed Death of the Cross; to which he was condemned by Pontius Pilate, the Roman Governour of Judea; and that his Soul was really separated from his Body; which lying for some time in the Grave, his Soul removed to the Spirits of Men departed; and having conquered the Powers of Darkness by his Death went down into Hell.

Ques.

ecording Quest. Why did our Lord submit to the Death of the Cross.

made Answ. To deliver Mankind, by the infinite price of his Blood, from the punishment, and Curse that was due Born for our Sins, and to reconcile his Father to us, by satisfying his Justice, and making himself a Sacrifice for us.

is done Quest. How is this end of our Saviour's Death prov'd Lord by from the Scriptures ?

b Chil Answ. From Gal. 3. 13. Christ hath redeemed us from the Curse of the Law, being made a Curse for us.

Rom. 5. 10. When we were Enemies, we were reconciled to God by the Death of his Son.

1 Pet. 2. 24. Who his own self bare our Sins, in his own Body on the Tree, that we being dead to Sin, should live unto Righteousness ; by whose Stripes ye are healed.

1 John. 2. 2. He is the propitiation for our Sins : and not for ours only, but also for the Sins of the whole World.

alta. Quest. What Proof is there of Christ's descending into Hell ?

Answ. From Acts 2, 25, 27. David speaketh concerning him, Thou wilt not leave my Soul in Hell.

full Quest. What believest thou concerning the fifth Article of the Creed, The Third day he rose again from the Dead ?

Answ. I believe that on the Morning of the third day after his Passion, the Soul of Christ was united again to his Crucify'd Body ; and he arose from the Grave, to an Immortal Life, by the Power of God.

ken the on. of his v- hc. 7. Quest. How dost thou prove the Resurrection of Christ in this manner ?

Answ. From the History of the Gospel ; and from Acts 2. 24. Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of Death ; because it was not possible, that he should be holden of it.

Acts 13. 17. He whom God raised again, saw no corruption.

Rom. 6. 9. Christ being raised from the Dead, dieth no more ; Death has no more dominion over him.

Rev.

Rev. I. 18. I am he that liveth, and was dead ; and behold I am alive for evermore, Amen ; and have the Keys of Hell and of Death.

Quest. What believest thou concerning the sixth Article of the Creed, He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the Right Hand of God the Father Almighty ?

Answe. I believe that Christ, having finish'd by his death the Work of our Redemption, was in his Glorify'd Body taken up to Heaven, in the sight of his Disciples, Forty days after his Resurrection : And that from his Entrance into Heaven, he hath been exalted to the honour of sitting at the Right Hand of God the Father, and of appearing for us in his Presence, with full Power and Dominion.

Quest. Thou didst tell me truly, that God is a Spirit ; and how then can Christ sit at his Right Hand ?

Answe. This Expression is borrow'd from the manner of Men, in counting it the most honourable place to be set on the Right Hand of a Prince ; and so it signifieth, that Christ is advanced in Heaven to the highest Dignity and Authority under God.

Quest. What Proof hast thou of the truth of this Article ?

Answe. From the History of our Lord's Ascension, and from

1 Pet. 3. 22. Who is gone into Heaven, and is on the Right Hand of God ; Angels, and Authorities, and Powers, being made subject unto him.

Eph. 1. 20, 21. He raised him from the Dead, and set him at his Right Hand in the Heavenly places ; Far above all Principality and Power, and Might, and Dominion ; and every name that is named ; not only in this World, but also in that which is to come.

Heb. 10. 12. This Man after he had offered one sacrifice for Sins, for ever sat down on the Right Hand of God.

Acts. 7. 56. Behold I see the Heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing on the Right Hand of God.

Quest. What believest thou concerning the seventh Article of the Creed, From thence he shall come to Judge both the Quick and the Dead ?

Answe.

Answe. I believe that Christ shall come down again from
Heaven with great Majestie, to judge all Men according
to their Works done in this Life; both the Righteous and
the Wicked; both such as shall be found alive at his se-
cond coming, and such as have died, and shall die before
n them, in all Ages of the World.

Quest. How is this prov'd from Scripture?

Answe. From Mat. 16. 27. *The Son of Man shall come in*
Body the Glory of his Father, with his Angels; and then he shall
reward every Man according to his Works.

Acts. 10. 42. *He commanded us to Preach unto the Peo-*
ple, and testify that it is he which was ordained of God,
to be the Judge of Quick, and Dead.

Acts. 17. 31. *He hath appointed a Day, in the which he*
will Judge the World in Righteousness, by that Man whom he
hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all
Men, in that he hath raised him from the Dead.

2 Cor. 5. 10 *We must all appear before the Judgment*
Seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done
in his Body, according to that he hath done, whether it be
good or bad.

S E C T. VI.

Of the Holy Ghost and the following Ar- ticles of the Creed.

Quest. WHAT believest thou concerning the eighth
Article of the Creed, *I believe in the Holy*
Ghost.

Answe. I believe in the Holy Spirit, as God, together
with the Father and the Son; and that as the Scriptures
come from his Inspiration; so by his working upon the
Soul, all good Christians are led, and converted, and
sanctified, and made acceptable to God.

Quest. What Proof hast thou of these Operations of the
Divine Spirit?

Answe.

Answ. From Rom. 8. 14. As many are led by the Spirit of God, they are Sons of God.

1 Cor. 3. 16. Know ye not that ye are the Temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

1 Cor. 6. 11. But ye are washed, but ye are sanctify'd, but ye are justified in the Name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

1 John 4. 13. Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.

Quest. What Proof hast thou, that the Scriptures come from the Inspiration of the Holy Ghost?

Answ. From *2 Tim.* 3. 16. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God.

2 Pet. 1. 21. The Prophecy came not in old time by the will of Man; but Holy Men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

Acts 3. 21. God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy Prophets, since the World began.

Joh. 16. 3. When the Spirit of Truth is come, he will guide you into all Truth.

Quest. What believest thou concerning the ninth Article of the Creed, The Holy Catholick Church, the Communion of Saints.

Answ. I Believe that the Servants of God in all Ages and places, have made up one Body under Christ their Head; and that there is, and always will be, a Company of true Believers, appointed to Salvation, and joyning in the Word and Sacrament, under Pastors lawfully ordain'd; and that the Members of this Church are call'd to be Saints; and ought to maintain Communion with Christ, and fellowship with one another in all the Offices of Piety and Charity.

Quest. Why is the Church call'd Holy and Catholick?

Answ. The Church is call'd Holy, because 'tis joyned to God in Covenant; and the true Members of it are sanctify'd by the Spirit of Holiness; and 'tis call'd Catholick or Universal, because 'tis spread over all the World, and all Nations are equally admitted to it.

Answ.

Quest. What Proof hast thou of this Holy, Catholick
Church?

Answ. From Mat. 16. 18. Upon this Rock I will build
my Church, and the Gates of Hell shall not prevail against
and burn.

Acts. 20. 28. The Holy Ghost hath made you overseers,
to feed the Church of God, which he hath purchased with
his own Blood.

Mar. 16. 15. Go ye into all the World, and Preach the
Gospel to every Creature.

Eph. 5. 27. That he might present it to himself a Glorious
Church, not having spot or wrinkle; but that it should be
holy and without Blemish.

Quest. What Proof hast thou of the Communion of
Saints?

Answ. From Act. 2. 42. They continued stedfastly in the
Apostles Doctrine, and Fellowship; and in breaking of Bread,
and in Prayers.

Eph. 4. 3. Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit
in the Bond of Peace.

1 Cor. 1. 10. I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our
Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same things, and that
there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined
together in the same mind; and in the same judgment.

1 John. 1. 7. If we walk in the light, as he is in the light,
we have fellowship one with another.

Quest. What believest thou concerning the tenth Article
of the Creed, the forgiveness of Sins?

Answ. I believe that in the Christian Church, pardon
is offered by God to all penitent Sinners, and sealed in
Baptism, through the merits of our Saviour's Death and
Satisfaction; and that he hath authorized the Ministers
of his Church to declare and apply this release from
the guilt of Sin, to all such as sincerely believe and re-
pent.

Quest. How is this proved from the Scriptures?

Answ. From Luke 24. 47. That Repentance and re-
mission of Sins should be Preached in his Name among all
Nations.

2 Cor. 5.19. God was in Christ, reconciling the World unto himself, not imputing their Trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the Word of reconciliation.

Eph. 1. 7. In whom we have Redemption through his Blood, the forgiveness of Sins, according to the riches of his Grace.

John 20. 23. Whose soever Sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them.

Quest. What believest thou concerning the eleventh Article of the Creed, *The Resurrection of the Body.*

Ans^w. I believe that the dead Bodies of all Men shall hereafter be raised out of the Grave, and restor'd for ever to their Souls; that they may be judged in the very same flesh, which they had in this life; and that the Saints may be freed from Corruption, and clothed with Immortality.

Quest. How is this prov'd from Scripture?

Ans^w. From John. 5. 28, 29. *The hour is coming, in the which all that are in the Graves shall bear his voice and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the Resurrection of Life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of Damnation.*

Acts. 24. 15. *I have hope towards God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a Resurrection of the Dead, both of the just and unjust.*

2 Cor. 4. 14. *Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus, shall raise up us also by Jesus:*

1 Thes. 4. 14. *If we believe that Jesus died, and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus, will God bring with him.*

Quest. What believest thou concerning the twelfth Article of the Creed, *And the Life Everlasting?*

Ans^w. I believe that after the Resurrection all the Righteous shall enjoy eternal and unspeakable happiness, both in Body and Soul; and dwell for ever with Christ in the highest Heavens.

Quest. How is this proved from Scripture?

Ans^w. From John 6. 47. *Verily, verily, I say unto you; He that believeth on me, hath everlasting Life.*

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John 10. 28. *I give unto them Eternal Life ; and they shall never perish, neither shall any pluck them out of my hand.*

1 Pet. 5. 4. *When the chief Shepherd shall appear ye shall receive a Crown of Glory that fadeth not away.*

1 John 5. 11. *This is the record, that God hath given to us Eternal Life ; And this Life is in his Son.*

Quest. How are the Wicked to be disposed of hereafter ?

Answe. They are to be banish'd from the presence of God ; and tormented eternally in Hell, with the Devil and his Angels.

Quest. How is this proved from Scripture ?

Answe. From Mat. 25. 41. *Depart from me, ye Cursed into Everlasting Fire, prepared for the Devil and his Angels.*

Luk. 3. 17. *He will gather the Wheat into his garner ; but the Chaff he will burn with Fire unquenchable.*

1 Cor. 6. 9. *Know ye not, that the unrighteous shall not inherit the Kingdom of God ?*

2 Thess. 1. 7. 8. 9. *The Lord Jesus shall be reveal'd from Heaven, with his mighty Angels ; in Flaming Fire, taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ : Who shall be punish'd with Everlasting Destruction, from the presence of the Lord, and from the Glory of his Power.*

S E C T. VII.

Of the Ten Commandments.

Quest. **Y**OU said that your Godfathers and Godmothers did promise for you, that you should keep God's Commandments. Tell me how many there be ?

Answe. **Ten.**

Quest. Hath God given us no more than Ten Rules of Decencies ?

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Answe.

Answ. The Ten Commandments are a Summary of the Moral Law, containing our whole Duty both to God and Man.

Quest. Which be they?

Answ. The same which God spake in the twentieth Chapter of Exodus, saying: I am the Lord thy God, who brought thee out of the Land of Egypt, out of the House of Bondage.

I. Thou shalt have none other Gods but me.

II. Thou shalt not make to thy self any graven Image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in Heaven above, or in the Earth beneath, or in the Water under the Earth. Thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them. For I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, and visit the Sins of the Fathers upon the Children, unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and shew mercy unto Thousands in them that love me and keep my Commandments.

III. Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his Name in vain.

IV. Remember thou keep Holy the Sabbath day. Six Days shalt thou labour and do all that thou hast to do, but the seventh Day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God. In it thou shalt do no manner of Work, thou and thy Son, and thy Daughter, thy Man Servant and thy Maid Servant, thy Cattle, and the Stranger that is within thy Gates. For in six Days the Lord made Heaven and Earth, the Sea and all that in them is, and rested the seventh Day: Wherefore the Lord blessed the seventh Day, and hallowed it.

V. Honour thy Father and thy Mother, that thy Days may be long in the Land, which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

VI. Thou shalt do no Murder.

VII. Thou shalt not commit Adultery.

VIII. Thou shalt not Steal.

IX. Thou shalt not bear falle Witness against thy Neighbour.

X. Thou shalt not covet thy Neighbour's House, thou shalt not covet thy Neighbour's Wife, nor his Servant, nor his Maid, nor his Dr, nor his Ass, nor any thing that is his.

Quest. What Proof hast thou, that Christ hath confirmed these Commandments?

Answ. From Mat. 19. 17. *If thou wilt enter into Life, keep the Commandments.*

Mat. 22. 37, 38, 39, 40. Jesus said unto him, *Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy Heart, and with all thy Soul, and with all thy mind: This is the first and great Commandment. And the second is like unto it. Thou shalt love thy Neighbour as thy self. On these two Commandments hang all the Law, and the Prophets.*

Rom. 7. 12. *The Law is holy; and the Commandments holy, and just, and good.*

Quest. What dost thou chiefly learn by these Commandments?

Answ. I learn two things: My duty towards God, and my duty towards my Neighbour.

Quest. What is thy duty towards God?

Answ. My duty towards God is to believe in him, to fear him; and to love him with all my Heart, with all my Mind, with all my Soul, and with all my Strength; to worship him; to give him thanks; to put my whole trust in him; to call upon him; to honour his holy Name, and his Word, and to serve him truly all the Days of my Life.

Quest. What is thy Duty towards thy Neighbour?

Answ. My duty towards my Neighbour, is to love him as my self; and to do to all Men as I would they should do unto me. To love, honour, and succour my Father and Mother. To honour and

and obey the Queen, and all that are put in Authority under her. To subvert my self to all my Governours, Teachers, Spiritual Pastors, and Masters. To order my self lowly and reverently to all my betters. To hurt no Body by word or deed. To be true and just in all my dealings. To bear no Malice nor hatred in my Heart, to keep my Hands from picking and stealing, and my Tongue from evil Speaking, Lying and Slander. To keep my Body in tempestance, soberness and chastity. Not to covet, nor desire other Mens Goods; but to learn, and labour truly to get my own living: And to do my duty in that state of life, unto which it shall please God to call me.

S E C T. VIII.

Of the Duties of the first Table.

Quest. **T**HOU hast told me the several Parts of thy Duty towards God; but how dost thou prove it to be thy Duty, to believe in him?

Answ. From Heb. 11. 6. *Without Faith it is impossible to please him: For he that cometh to God, must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*

Rom. 4.20. *He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief: but was strong in Faith, giving glory to God.*

Quest. How dost thou prove it to be thy duty, to fear God?

Answ. From Luke 12. 5. *I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed, hath Power to cast into Hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him.*

1 Pet. 2. 17. *Fear God.*

Quest. How dost thou prove it to be thy duty, to love God?

Answ. From Mar. 12. 30. *Thou shalt love the Lord thy God.*

God with all thy Heart, and with all thy Soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy Strength.

John 21. 15. Lord thou knowest that I Love thee.

Eph. 6. 24. Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity.

Quest. How dost thou prove it to be thy duty, to worship God ?

Ans^w. From John 4. 23, The hour cometh and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in Spirit, and in Truth: For the Father seeketh such to worship him.

Mat. 4. 10. It is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

Rev. 22. 9. Worship God.

Quest. What Proof hast thou for Bodily worship ?

Ans^w. From Luke 22. 41. He kneeled down, and prayed.

Act^s 20. 36. He kneeled down, and prayed with them all.

Eph. 3. 14. I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Rev. 4. 10. The Elders fall down before him that sat on the Throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever.

Quest. What Proof hast thou from the Christian Law, against Idolatrous Worship ?

Ans^w. From 1 Cor. 10. 14. My dearly beloved, flee from Idolatry.

2 Cor. 6. 16. What agreement hath the Temple of God with Idols ?

1 John 5. 21. Little Children, keep yourselves from Idols.

Quest. Are Christians bound to keep Holy the Sabbath day, for the more solemn Worship of God ?

Ans^w. The Precept of the Sabbath is still in force as to the Moral Equity of it; but not as to the Ceremonial part, and the limitation of the Seventh day of the Week; and instead hereof, the Christian Church hath from the beginning set apart the first Day of the Week, in memory of our Lord's Resurrection upon that day; and the publick Worship of God requires our attendance.

Quest. How is this Practice prov'd to be from the Apostles?

Answ. From John 20. 19. *The same day at Evening, being the first Day of the Week, when the doors were shut where the Disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus, and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.*

¶ Acts. 20. 7. *Upon the first day of the Week, when the Disciples came together to break Bread, Paul preached unto them.*

Quest. How dost thou prove it thy duty, to give thanks to God?

Answ. From 1 Thes. 5. 18. *In every thing give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.*

Eph. 5. 20. *Giving thanks always for all things unto God, and the Father, In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Heb. 13. 15. *Let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually; that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to his name.*

Quest. How dost thou prove it thy duty to put thy whole trust in God?

Answ. From 1 Tim. 4. 10. *We trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all Men, especially of those that believe.*

Phil. 4. 6. *Be careful for nothing: But in every thing by Prayer, and Supplication with Thanksgiving, let your request be made known unto God.*

1 Pet. 5. 7. *Casting all your care upon him, for he careth for you.*

Quest. How dost thou prove it thy duty, to call upon God?

Answ. From Mat. 7. 7. *Ask, and it shall be given you: Seek, and ye shall find: Knock, and it shall be opened unto you.*

Ephes. 6. 18. *Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit; and watching thereunto with all perseverance.*

Col. 4. 2. *Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving.*

1 Thes. 5. 17. *Pray without ceasing.*

Quest. How dost thou prove it thy duty, to honour the Name of God?

Ans^w. From 1 Tim. 6. 1. *That the Name of God and his Doctrine, be not blasphemed.*

1 Cor. 10. 31. *Whatsoever ye do, do all to the Glory of God.*

Quest. How dost thou prove it unlawful to dishonour God's Name by Swearing?

Ans^w. From Mat. 5. 34. *I say unto you, Swear not at all.*

Mat. 5. 12. *Above all things, my Brethren, Swear not, neither by Heaven, neither by the Earth, neither by any other Oath: But let your yea be yea; and your nay be nay; lest ye fall into Condemnation.*

Quest. Is then the taking of any Oath whatsoever prohibited by Christ?

Ans^w. No: This is not our Saviour's meaning, to forbid the taking of any Oath whatsoever, though requir'd by the Magistrate, and taken for righteous ends; but that which he forbids, is the Swearing rashly, or vainly, or falsely, or in ordinary Communication.

Quest. How dost thou prove it thy duty, to honour, and obey the Word of God?

Ans^w. From Luke 11. 28. *Blessed are they that bear the Word of God, and keep it.*

Col. 3. 16. *Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all Wisdom.*

2 Tim. 3. 15. *From a Child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto Salvation through Faith, which is in Christ Jesus.*

1 Tim. 1. 11, 12. *Receive with meekness the ingrafted Word, which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.*

Quest. How dost thou prove it thy duty, to serve God all the days of thy Life?

Ans^w. From Luke 1. 74, 75. *That we might serve him without fear; In Holiness, and Righteousness before him, all the days of our life.*

Rom. 6. 22. Being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the everlasting life.

1 Cor. 6. 20. Ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your Body, and in your Spirit, which are God's.

2 Cor. 5. 15. He died for all, that they which live, should not thenceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.

S E C T. IX.

Of the Duties of the Second Table.

Quest. **T**HOU hast told me the several parts of thy Duty towards thy Neighbour: But how dost thou prove it to be thy duty to love him as thy self?

Answ. From Gal. 5. 14. All the Law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy Neighbour as thy self.

James 2. 8. If ye fulfil the Royal Law, according to the Scripture, Thou shalt love thy Neighbour as thy self, ye do well.

John 13. 34. A new Commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

1 John 3. 11. This is the Message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

Quest. How dost thou prove it thy duty, to do to all Men as thou wouldest they should do unto thee?

Answ. From Mat. 7. 12. All things whatsoever ye would that Men should do to you, do even so to them.

Luke 6. 31. As ye would that Men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.

Quest. How dost thou prove it thy duty, to Love, Honour, and Succour thy Father and Mother?

Answ.

Ans^w. From Mat. 15. 4. God commanded, saying, Honour thy Father and Mother.

Ephes. 6. 1, 2. Children obey your Parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy Father and Mother.

Col. 3. 20, Children obey your Parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing unto the Lord.

1 Tim. 5. 4. If any Widow have Children, or Nephew, let them first learn to shew Piety at home, and to require their Parents: For that is good, and acceptable before God.

Quest. How dost thou prove, what duty lies upon Parents in regard to their Children?

Ans^w. From Eph. 6. 4. Ye Fathers, provoke not your Children to Wrath: But bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Heb. 12. 7. What Son is he whom the Father chasteneth.

Quest. How dost thou prove it thy duty, to honour and obey the King, and all that are put in Authority under him?

Ans^w. From Rom. 13. 1, 2, 5. Let every Soul be subject unto the bigger Powers. For there is no Power but of God; the Powers that be, are ordain'd of God. Whosoever there are resisteth the Power, resisteth the Ordinance of God; and they that resist, shall receive to themselves damnation. Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake.

Tit. 2. 1. Put them in mind to be subject to Principalities and Powers; to obey Magistrates, to be ready to every good work.

1 Pet. 2. 13, 14. Submit your selves to every Ordinance of Man for the Lord's sake; whether it be to the King, as supreme; Or unto Gouverneurs, as unto them that are set by him, for the punishment of evil-doers, and for the praise of them that do well.

Quest. How dost thou prove it thy duty to submit thy self to thy spiritual Gouverneurs, and Pastors?

Ans^w. From Heb. 13. 17. Obey them that have the Rule over you, and submit your selves; for they watch for your souls.

as they that must give account ; that they may do it with joy, and not with grief ; for that is unprofitable for you.

¶ Tim. 5, 17. Let the Elders that Rule well, be counseled worthy of double honour ; especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.

Quest. How dost thou prove it to be the Duty of Servants, to submit to their Masters ?

Answ. From Eph. 6. 5, 6. Servants, be obedient to them that are your Masters according to the Flesh ; with fear, and trembling, in singleness of your Heart, as unto Christ : Not with eye-service, as Men-pleasers, but as the Servants of Christ : Doing the will of God from the Heart.

¶ Tit. 2. 9, 10. Exhort Servants to be obedient unto their own Masters, and to please them well in all things ; not answering again, not purloining, but showing all good fidelity, that they may adorn the Doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.

¶ 1 Pet. 2. 18. Servants be subject to your Masters with all fear ; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward.

Quest. How dost thou prove, what Duty lies upon Masters in regard to their Servants ?

Answ. From Col. 4. 1. Masters give unto your Servants that which is just, and equal ; knowing that ye also have a Master in Heaven.

Ephes. 6. 9. Ye Masters, do the same things unto them forbearing threatening : Knowing that your Master also is in Heaven, neither is their respect of Persons with him.

Quest. How dost thou prove it the Duty of Husband and Wives, towards one another ?

Answ. From Col. 3. 18, 19. Wives, submit your selves unto your own Husbands, as it is fit in the Lord. Husbands love your Wives, and be not bitter against them.

Quest. How dost thou prove it thy Duty to order thyself lowly and reverently to all thy betters ?

Answ. From 1 Pe. 5, 5. Ye younger, submit your selves unto the Elder : Yea all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with Humility.

Ephes. 5. 21. Submitting your selves one to another in the Fear of God.

Quest. How dost thou prove it thy Duty to hurt no Body by Word or Deed?

Answ. From Rom. 12. 17. 18. Recompence to no Man evil for evil. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, and live peaceably with all Men.

Eph. 4. 31. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice.

1 Thes. 5. 15. See that none render evil for evil unto any Man: but ever follow that which is good, both among your selves, and to all Men.

Quest. How dost thou prove it thy Duty to be true, and just in all thy dealings.

Answ. From Rom. 13. 7. Render to all their dues.

Phil. 4. 8. Whatever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Quest. How dost thou prove it thy Duty to bear no malice nor hatred in thy Heart?

A. From Col. 3. 8. Put of all these, anger, wrath, malice,

1 John 3. 15. Whosoever hateth his Brother is a murderer: and ye know, that no murderer hath Eternal Life abiding in him.

Rom. 12. 19. Dearly beloved, avenge not your selves.

Eph. 4. 26. Let not the sun go down upon your wrath.

Quest. How dost thou prove it thy Duty, to keep thy hands from picking and stealing?

Answ. From Eph. 4. 28. Let him that stole steal no more; but rather let him labour, working with his Hands the thing which is good.

1 Thes. 4. 6. That no Man go beyond and defraud his Brother in any matter.

Quest. How dost thou prove it thy Duty, to keep thy Tongue from evil-speaking, and slandering?

Answ. From Tit. 3. 9. 2. To speak evil of no Man.

James. 4. 11. Speak not evil one of another.

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Quest. How dost thou prove it thy Duty to keep thy Tongue from Lying ?

Ans^w. From Eph. 4. 25. Putting away Lying, speak every Man Truth with his Neighbour: For we are Members one of another.

Col. 3. 9. Ite not one to another, seeing that we have put off the old Man with his deeds.

Rev. 21. 8. All Liyers shall have their part in the Lake which burneth with Fire and Brimstone.

Quest. How dost thou prove it thy Duty, to keep thy Body in Temperance and Sobremess ?

Ans^w. From Luke 21. 34. Take heed to your selves, lest at any time your hearts be over charged with surfeiting and drunkeuness.

Rom. 13. 13. Let us walk honestly as in the day not in Rioting and Drunkenness.

Eph. 5. 18. Be ye not drunk with Wine, wherein is excess.

1 Thel. 5. 7. 18. They that are drunken, are drunken in the Night: But let us, who are of the Day, be sober.

Quest. How dost thou prove it thy Duty, to keep thy Body in Chastity ?

Ans^w. From 1 Cor. 6. 8. Flee fornication; he that committeth Fornication, sinneth against his own Body.

Eph. 5. 5. This ye know, that no Whoremonger, nor unclean Person, hath any inheritance in the Kingdom of Christ, and of God.

1 Thel. 4. 7. God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto Holiness.

Heb. 13. 4. Marriage is honourable in all, and the Bed undefiled; but Whoremongers and Adulterers God will judge.

Quest. How dost thou prove it thy Duty, not to covet nor desire other Men's Goods ?

Ans^w. From Luke 12. 15. Take heed and beware of Covetousness.

Heb. 13. 4. Let your Conversation be without Covetousness: And be content with such things as ye have.

1 Tim. 6. 8. Having Food and Rayment, let us be therewith content.

Act. 20. 33. I have coveted no Man's Silver, or Gold, or Apparel.

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Quest. How dost thou prove it thy duty, to learn, and labour to get thine own living honestly, in that state of life to which God shall call thee?

Answ. From 1 Thes. 4. 11. *That ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands.*

2 Thes. 3. 12. *We command, and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work and eat their own bread.*

Quest. How dost thou prove it the duty of Christians, to relieve the Poor, according to the state of life, in which they are placed?

Answ. From Luke 8. 41. *Give Alms of such things as you have.*

Act. 2. 35. *Ye ought to support its weak, and to remember the word of the Lord Jesus, how he said, it is more blessed to give than to receive.*

1 John 3. 17. *Who so bath this World's good, and seeth his Brother bath need, and shuneth up his bowels of Compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?*

Heb. 13. 16. *To do good, and to communicate, forget not; for with such sacrifices, God is well-pleased.*

S E C T. X.

Of the Lord's Prayer.

Ques. **M**y good Child know this, that thou art not able to do these things of thyself; nor to walk in the Commandments of God, and to serve him, without his especial Grace, which thou must learn at all times to call for by diligent Prayer. Let me hear therefore if thou canst say the Lord's Prayer.

Answ. **O**UR Father which art in Heaven; 1. Hallowed be thy Name: 2. Thy Kingdom come: 3. Thy will be done, in Earth as it is in Heaven: 4. Give us this Day our daily Bread:

5. And

5. And forgive us our Trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us; 6. And lead us not into temptation but, deliver us from all evil. Amen.

Quest. How doth it appear, that we are directed to use this form of Prayer?

Answ. From Mat. 6. 9. After this manner pray ye.

Luke. 12. 2. When ye pray, say; Our Father, and so on.

Quest. What desirest thou of God in this Prayer?

Answ. I desire my Lord God our Heavenly Father, who is the giver of all goodness, 1. to send his Grace unto me, and to all People; that we may worship him, 2. serve him, and, 3. obey him as we ought to do. 4. And I pray unto God that he will send us all things that be needful both for our Souls and Bodies: 5. And that he will be merciful unto us, and forgive us our Sins: 6. And that it will please him to save and defend us in all dangers ghostly and bodily; and that he will keep us from all sin and wickedness, and from our ghostly Enemy; and from everlasting death. And this I trust he will do of his mercy and goodness through our Lord Jesus Christ. And therefore I say Amen. So be it.

Quest. Thou hast answered well. But to speak more distinctly of the several Petitions of the Lord's Prayer, what do we particularly request of God, in the First Petition of it, *Hallowed be thy Name?*

Answ. We pray that God may be glorified by us, and all Men, in every thing; and that he would enable us in all our actions to promote the Honour of his Name.

Quest. What do we particularly request of God in the Second Petition, *Thy Kingdom come?*

Answ. We pray, that God would rule in our hearts; and enlarge the Christian Church, which is his Kingdom of Grace, and that he would hasten his Kingdom of Glory; and that the power of Sin and Satan may be abolish'd in us, and all the World.

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Quest. What do we particularly request of God in the Third Petition, *Thy will be done in Earth as it is in Heaven?*

Ans^w. We pray, that God would enable us to perform his Will, with the same readiness, and obedience, as 'tis fulfill'd by the Angels, and Saints in Heaven: And that in all things which he shall appoint, we may cheerfully submit to his good pleasure.

Quest. What do we particularly request of God in the Fourth Petition, *Give us this day our daily Bread?*

Ans^w. We pray for all the necessary supports of Life: And for the sustenance both of Body and Soul: And for God's blessing upon our lawful industry: And we acknowledge hereby our dependance on God's daily care.

Quest. What do we particularly request of God in the Fifth Petition, *Forgive us our Trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us?*

Ans^w. We pray to be releas'd from the guilt and penalty of our daily sins: And because God hath made the forgiving of our Brethren, the condition of granting his Pardon to us; we declare solemnly to him, that we are ready to forgive all that have offended us, as we hope for remission from him.

Quest. How dost thou prove this to be the Condition of our expecting God's Forgivnes.

Ans^w. From Mat. 6. 14. 15. *If ye forgive Men their Trespasses, your Heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if ye forgive not Men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.*

Mar. 11. 25. *When ye stand, praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: That your Father also which is in Heaven may forgive your trespasses.*

Luk. 6. 37. *Forgive and you shall be forgiven.*

Quest. What do we particularly request of God in the Sixth Petition, *Lead us not into Temptation: but deliver us from evil?*

Ans^w. We pray that God would either keep us from all Temptations to sin, or would strengthen us under them; and that he would preserve us from all evil, both of Sin,

and Punishment, and especially from the Snares of the Devil.

Quest. Why do we pray, that God would not lead us into temptation, since he never tempted any Man to Sin?

Answ. Because tho' God doth never tempt any Man to Sin, yet all temptations are by his Permission, and he can stop them at any time, and keep us from falling.

Quest. What Proof hast thou of God's Power and Goodness in this matter?

Answ. From 1. Cor. 10. 13. *God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.*

2 Pet. 2. 9. *The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations.*

Quest. What is the form of Praise, and Thanksgiving, which usually concludes the Lord's Prayer?

Answ. *Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, for ever and ever.*

Quest. Thou sayest, Amen, in considero of God's hearing thee: But what Proof hast thou of his hearing, and granting our request?

Answ. From. Mat. 7. 8. *Every one that asketh, receiveth; and he that seeketh, findeth; and to him that knocketh, it shall be opened.*

Mat. 21. 22. *All things whatsoever ye shall ask in Prayer, believing, ye shall receive.*

Joh 16. 23. *Verily, Verily, I say unto you; Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my Name, he will give it you.*

1 John 5. 14. *This is the confidence we have in him, that if we ask any thing according to his Will, he heareth us.*

SECT. XI.

*Of the two Sacraments, and more particularly of
BAPTISM.*

Quest. **H**OW many Sacraments hath Christ ordained in his Church?

Answ.

Answ. Two only, as generally necessary to Salvation, that is to say, Baptism and the Supper of the Lord.

Quest. What meanest thou by this word Sacrament.

Answ. I mean an outward and visible sign of an inward and Spiritual Grace, given unto us, ordained by Christ himself as a means whereby we receive the same, and a pledge to assure us thereof.

Quest. How many parts are there in a Sacrament?

Answ. Two: The outward visible Sign, and the inward Spiritual Grace.

Quest. What is the outward visible Sign, or Form in Baptism?

Answ. Water: Wherein the Person is baptised, In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Quest. Where is the Command of baptizing thus?

Answ. In Mat. 28. 19 Go ye, and teach all Nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

Quest. What is the inward and Spiritual Grace?

Answ. A death unto sin, and, a new birth unto righteousness: For being by nature born in sin and the Children of wrath, we are hereby, made the Children of Grace.

Quest. What is the Death unto Sin?

Answ. Death unto sin is, the being cleansed from the Pollution of it; and the cleansing from it, as a dead Man doth from the actions of Life.

Quest. What is the new birth unto Righteousness?

Answ. The new birth unto Righteousness, is a Change in the Soul; by receiving holy dispositions from the Spirit of God, and an ability to proceed in all Virtue and Godliness of living.

Quest. How dost thou prove, that in Baptism there is a death unto sin, and a new birth unto Righteousness?

Answe. From Rom. 6. 4. We are buried with him by Baptism into Death; that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the Glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Col. 2. 12. Buried with him in Baptism, wherein also you are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

2 Cor. 5. 17. If any Man be in Christ, he is a new creature

Rom. 6. 11. Reckon ye your selves to be dead indeed unto Sin: But alive unto God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Quest. How dost thou prove, that by Nature we are born in Sin and the Children of Wrath?

Answe. From Eph. 2. 3. We all were by nature the Children of Wrath, even as others.

Rom. 5. 12. By one Man Sin entered into the World, and death by Sin; and so death passed upon all Men, for that all have sinned.

Que. What is requir'd of persons to be baptized?

Ans. Repentance, whereby they forsake Sin; and Faith, whereby they steadfastly believe the Promises of God made to them in that Sacrament.

Quest. Why then are Infants Baptized, when by reason of their tender age they cannot perform them?

Answe. Because they promise them both by their Sureties, which promise when they come to age, themselves are bound to perform.

Quest. How dost thou prove that Repentance is requir'd of Persons to be Baptized?

Answe. From Act. 2. 38. Repent and be baptized every one of you, in the Name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of Sins.

Mat. 4. 17. Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.

Quest. How dost thou prove that this Repentance is the forsaking of Sin?

Answe. From 2 Tim. 2. 19. Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

1 Joh. 3. 6. Whosoever abideth in him, sinneth not: Who so ver sinneth, hath not seen him, neither known him.

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Quest. How dost thou prove, that Faith is requir'd of Persons to be Baptized ?

Answ. From Acts 2. 41. They that gladly receiv'd his word were Baptized.

Acts 8. 36, 37. The Enuch said, See, here is a Water ; what doth binder me to be Baptized ? and Philip said, if thou believest with all thine Heart, thou mayst.

Quest. How is the Baptism of Infants grounded upon Scripture ?

Answ. 'Tis grounded upon the administration of Circumcision to Infants under the Law ; and upon the ordaining of Baptism as the way to Salvation ; and upon the assurance that Infants are capable of being saved.

Quest. How dost thou prove that Infants are in a capacity of Salvation.

Answ. From Mat. 19. 14. Suffer little Children and forbid them not to come unto me : For of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.

1 Cor. 7. 17. Else were your Children unclean ; but now are they Holy.

Quest. How dost thou prove the necessity of Baptism ?

Answ. From Joh. 3. 5. Except a Man be born of Water, and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God.

1 Pet. 3. 21. Baptism doth also now save us.

S E C T. XII.

Of the Lord's S U P P E R.

Quest. **W** H Y was the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper ordained ?

Answ. For the continual remembrance of the Sacrifice of the Death of Christ, and of the benefits which we receive thereby.

Quest. How doth it appear to be the end of ordaining this Sacrament.

Answ. From Luke 22. 12. This is my Body which is given for you, this do in remembrance of me.

1 Cor. 11. 26. As often as ye eat this Bread, and drink this Cup, ye do shew the Lord's Death till he come.

Quest. What is the outward part, or sign of the Lord's Supper ?

Answ.

Answ. **Bread and Wine, which the Lord hath Commanded to be receiv'd.**

Quest. What Proof hast thou of this Command ?

Answ. From 1 Cor. 11. 23, 24, 25. I have receiv'd of the Lord, that which I also delivered unto you : That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betray'd, took Bread : And when he had given thanks, he brake it and said : Take, eat, this is my Body which is broken for you ; this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the Cup when he had Supped, saying, This Cup is the New Testament in my Blood : This do ye, as oft as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Que. What is the inward part, or thing signifi'd ?

Answ. The Body and Blood of Christ, which are verily and indeed taken, and received by the faithful in the Lord's Supper.

Quest. What are the benefits whereby we are partakers thereby ?

Answ. The strengthning and refreshing of our Souls by the Body and Blood of Christ ; as our Bodies are by the Bread and Wine.

Quest. How dost thou prove, that the Body and Blood of Christ are truly, and spiritually receiv'd in the Lord's Supper ?

Answ. From Mat. 26. 26, 27, 28. Jesus took Bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave to the Disciples, and said ; Take, Eat, this is my Body, and he took the Cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying ; Drink ye all of it : For this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

1 Cor 10. 16. The Cup of Blessing which we bless, is it not the Communion of the Blood of Christ ? The Bread which we break, is it not the Communion of the Body of Christ ?

Joh. 6. 54. Whoso eateth my Flesh and drinketh my Blood, hath Eternal Life.

Quest. What is required of them who come to the Lord's Supper ?

Ans. To examine themselves, whether they repent them truly of their former sins, stedfastly proposing

to lead a new Life, having a lively Faith in God's mercy through Christ, with a thankful remembrance of his Death, and be in charity with all Men.

Quest. How dost thou prove this Examination to be necessary ?

Ans. From 1 Cor. 11. 27, 28. *Whosoever shall eat this Bread, and drink this Cup of the Lord unworthily, shall be guilty of the Body and Blood of the Lord. But let a Man examine himself; and so let him eat of that Bread and drink of that Cup.*

Q. Why is repentance necessary to the receiving of the Lord's Supper ?

Ans. Because without repentance, we can hope for no benefit from the Death of Christ, which we here commemorate; and have the merits of it convey'd to us by this sacred Memorial.

Quest. How is it prov'd, that we ought to repent.

Ans. From 1 Cor. 5, 8. *Let us keep the feast not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice, and wickedness, but with the unleavened Bread of sincerity and truth.*

1 Cor. 12. 13. *If we would judge our selves, we should not be judged.*

Quest. Why is faith necessary to the Lord's Supper ?

Ans. Because 'tis a Sacrament appointed for such Believers as own their Baptism, and are ripe in Knowledge, and herein they have a near Communion with Christ, and feed on him by faith.

Quest. What Proof hast thou for this Duty ?

Ans. From Heb. 10. 22. *Let us draw near with a true Heart, and a full assurance of Faith.*

2 Cor. 3. 5. *Examine your selves whether ye be in the Faith.*

Quest. Why is our Thankfulness necessary to the Lord's Supper ?

Ans. Because 'tis a Sacrifice of Thanksgiving to God, for our redemption by Christ.

Quest. What Proof hast thou for a thankful remembrance hereof ?

Ans. From Rom. 5. 8. *God commendeth this love towards us, in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.*

1 Pet. 1. 18. 19. *If we were not redeem'd with corruptible*
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things, as silver and gold: But with the precious Blood of Christ, as of a Lamb without blemish and without spot.

Quest. Why is the being in Charity necessary to the Lord's Supper.

Ans. Because 'tis a Feast of Love and a Communion of Christians one with another; and signifies their conjunction in one spiritual Body.

Quest. What Profit hast thou for this Duty?

Ans. From Mat. 5. 23, 24. If thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememb'rest that thy Brother hath ought against thee: leave there thy gift, before the altar, and go thy way, first be reconciled with thy Brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

1 Cor. 10. 27. We being many, are one Bread, and one Body; for we are all partakers of that one Bread.

Eph. 5. 2. Walk in love as Christ also hath loved us; and hath given himself for us, an Offering, and a Sacrifice to God.

1 John 4. 11. If God so loved us, We ought also to love one another.

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